A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Co-operation and Development).—

(*a*) During 1959-60.

(*b*) The Public Works Department prepared a preliminary estimate for Rs. 36,000 which later went up to Rs. 80,000.

(*c*) and (*d*) The work was started under the famine relief programme without a full grant and only a small outlay incurred. The work has to be executed by the Taluk Board. As adequate funds are now not available for the purpose, with the Taluk Board, it is feared that the work cannot be taken in the near future.

Condolence Reference *re*: the Death of Sriyuths B. Hutche Gowda, F.W. Corbet and Marule Gowda.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I regret to inform the House of the sad demise of Sri B. Hutche Gowda, a sitting Member of the House on the 5th June 1963, of Sri F. W. Corbet, ex-Member of the Legislative Assembly on 16th August 1963 and Sri Patel Marule Gowda, ex-member of the Representative Assembly on 2nd August, 1963.

Sri B. Hutche Gowda was a revered Member of the Assembly. He joined politics as far back as 1934. He was a Member of the Representative Assembly of the old Mysore State from 1940. He was a Member of the Tumkur District Board from 1944 and became its President in 1947. He was a Member of the Constituent Assembly of the old State of Mysore from 1948 and a Member of the Legislative Assemby from 1952 to 1957. He was also a Member of the Legislative Council from 1958 and he was returned to the present Legislative Assembly during the recent general elections. His speeches in the House were marked with sobriety and seriousness of purpose. He was a skilful debator and made valuable contributions to the debate of the House.

Sri Corbet was a retired Class I Gazetted Officer of the Government of India and held many important posts in the Post and Telegraph Department. He was connected with several organisations, notably the Anglo-Indian Association and the Pensioners Association. He was nominated to the Legislative Assembly to represent the Anglo-Indian Community. During his term as Member, he made several valuable contributions to the debate in this House.

Sri Marule Gowda was elected to the Representative Assembly of the old State of Mysore in 1940 from the Sira Rural Constituency.

I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy to the relatives of the deceased.

I request the Hon'ble Members to stand up in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the deceased.

(*Members stood in silence for a minute.*)